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1 Peter 1:13

Reflection: We are once again reminded of the future return of Jesus the Christ. His triumphal return with the angelic host. A future event that we may not know the exact date or time, but we know will take place for it has been prophesised and promised to us in the Bible.

Application: As Christians we have been given a promise of a triumphant return of our Lord and Saviour. We are given a precious inheritance that none can ever take away from us. Yet have we grown complacent? Perhaps, we like those foolish virgins in the Gospel, are in danger of letting our flame of faith falter and go out.

Challenge: With expectation for a blessed future we should never lose hope,

Tuesday: 06 04 21

Colossians 1:27

Reflection: It is Christ in 'you' that the world needs to see. How else can God make known the glorious riches of his mystery of perfect Grace to a lost and blinded world? So many now stumble and falter in the darkness of a world cursed by Satan. Our lives are said to be the light to the Glory of Gods' Grace.

Application: I have mentioned before the need to not just show up to Church on Sunday. We also need to live the Gospel the rest of the week. People need to see our faith as something more tangible than just a Sunday social club.

Challenge: Perhaps inviting someone to come along to Church? Or sharing this flyer?

Wednesday: 07 04 21

Galatians 6:8

Reflection: We are reminded that what we sow will bring forth what we reap. More importantly, we are told that what is sown in or by the flesh will reap corrupted things. While that which the spirit sows will reap eternal blessings. It is not the physical action that is referred here; but the physical intentions behind the act of sowing.

Application: In life we tend to do a lot of work that is multitasked. We can get so focused on the how that we can forget the why we are doing something. Normally this can be okay. Though sadly our dark and deeper intentions can end up spoiling what we desire to do and be remembered for.

Challenge: Carefully weigh your words and actions.

Thursday: 08 04 21

Psalms 33:18

Reflection: God watches each of us closely. He weighs up our actions and helps us in our darkest times of need. He has promised his unfailing and perfect love to see us through life.

Application: When we read the word fear we can mistake the deeper meaning. Some have made the word seem like a trembling fear that makes one weak and unable to appreciate Gods' love for us. What we should understand is that fear is a form of perfect 'awe' and profound 'reverence' for a God that can and will bless us all the days of our life's.

Challenge: As we fear God, we should also rejoice in his blessed majesty and amazing Grace.

Friday: 09 04 21

1 Corinthians 15:54

Reflection: Death has been swallowed up in the victory that Jesus the Christ won for us on the Cross of Calvary. We have become inheritors of an amazing gift. God in his wisdom has fulfilled the prophesies of the Old Testament. Removing the barrier that separated us from him. And giving us eternal life. Perfect in every way.

Application: What is our victory? It is written in the blood of our saviour Jesus the Christ, and his victory of the grave that had condemned us each. It is the victory that we remember each and every Easter. Redemption at a great price. Yet given to all who truly confess Jesus the Christ is Lord.

Challenge: Embrace and remember this time.

Saturday: 10 04 21

Romans 8:24-25

Reflection: Once again the Gods' Holy Word speaks to us of the contrast between what is seen and what is unseen. How the world is constructed on the physical and not on the spiritual. Making those in the world blind.

Application: In the unseen we have a blessing beyond any that the world can show us. For the world can only comprehend and understand things that of physical. And as we have learned, such things are also cardinal and corruptible. Things that Satan can manipulate to deceive.

Challenge: Hold onto the greatest blessings the Bible has for us in the unseen blessings of God.

## *Psalm of Hope*

The world's full of darkness and fear.  
Cold are the hearts of its people.  
Each day's a challenge to stay true.  
I grow weary with life's sadness.

While fools laugh and find amusement.  
In a world that's slowly dying.  
They seek out pleasures of the flesh.  
While their souls are full of decay.

For me, I was lost like they are.  
An empty broken clay vessel.  
Useless and unwanted by all.  
My future was written in ash.

Only God could restore my strength.  
Through Him I am made confident.  
He filled my broken heart with joy.  
And now guards me from temptation.

Can you see my wretched story?  
Or feel the cold pain that I feel?  
Haven't you been on this journey?  
What will you do now that you're lost?

You have taken life granted.  
In a cold indifferent world.  
You spend what you can't afford to.  
Your debt of sin crushes your soul.

I was lost just like you are now.  
An empty broken clay vessel.  
Useless and unwanted by all.  
My future was written in shame.

Seek God and find that he is good.  
His Grace will renew your spirit.  
In him you will find lasting peace.  
Through his precious Son Jesus Christ.

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## Six days to Sunday



## Stepping Stones

### of Faith

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*We believe in the Bible over all of life  
and that Salvation is: In Christ alone,  
by Grace alone, through Faith alone.*